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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mitsuharu NAKAMURA et al.)

U.S. Application No.: 09/811,506)

Filed: March 20, 2001)

For: DUSTPROOF COVER FOR A CONNECTOR)
AND PREFITTING DUSTPROOFING)
STRUCTURE FOR A CONNECTOR)

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In reply to the Office Action dated June 18, 2001 (Paper No. 6), the period of reply to which extends through September 18, 2001, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, and 5 as follows:

1. A dustproof cover comprising:
a cap-shape cover; and
a packing protecting portion provided by extending an end of an opening of a peripheral wall of said cover in a continual longitudinal direction;
wherein said cover is fitted to a connector so as to cover a front-end fitting surface of said connector from a front side of said connector and said packing protecting portion covers a packing exposed around an outer peripheral portion of said connector.